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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 9th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Cde. Robert G. Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Kiro Gligorov, President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Inder Kumar Gujral, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of India

   Germany

   China

   France

   Mexico

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

A ministerial meeting of the Security Council will be held on Thursday, 25 September 1997, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider "The situation in Africa".

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (Room S-3670).

3 p.m.	10th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Milan Kučan, President of the Republic of Slovenia.
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Dr. Carlos Alberto Wahnon de Carvalho Veiga, Prime Minister of the Republic of Cape Verde

   Lithuania

   Venezuela

   Argentina

   Ghana

   Sweden

   Dominican Republic

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II (Part VI)
2. Financing of the peacekeeping operations: Death and disability benefits

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 24 September 1997

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
(on the draft declaration on the reform of the Security Council)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

RIO GROUP WITH THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NINTH ANNUAL SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 77

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

RIO GROUP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

5.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 11th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Slovakia

Address by His Excellency The Rt. Hon. Percival James Patterson, PC, QC, MP, Prime Minister of Jamaica

Peru

Croatia

Italy

Romania

United Arab Emirates

3 p.m. 12th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fabián Alarcón Rivera, President of the Republic of Ecuador.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ernesto Samper Pizano, President of the Republic of Colombia.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Austria

Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdellatif Filali, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco

Guyana

Canada

Ireland

Belgium

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for the general debate of the Second Committee, which will begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248). Please note that the faxes at 212-963-5935 and 963-1712 continue to be inoperable for the time being.

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935 (from Thursday, 25 September, in Rome, tel.: 570-50346, fax: 5705-0305)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission on Monday, 29 September 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session.

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The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 25 September 1997, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-first Annual Ministerial Meeting at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 26 September 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Presentation

An informal presentation, by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 29 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The presentation will include: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn's presentation at the Annual Meetings in Hong Kong (video); and a brief discussion of the World Bank's Annual Report for 1997. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

7th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Marc Forné Molné, President of the Government of the Principality of Andorra, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Koffi Panou, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Togo, H.E. Mr. Jacques F. Poos, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Cooperation of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), H.E. The Rt. Hon. Robin Cook, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, H.E. Mr. Yevgeny M. Primakov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, H.E. Mr. Valdis Birkavs, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia, and H.E. Chief Tom Ikimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria.

8th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Juan Carlos Wasmosy, President of the Republic of Paraguay

H.E. Mr. Juan Carlos Wasmosy, President of the Republic of Paraguay, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Keizo Obuchi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, H.E. Ms. Tarja Kaarina Halonen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, H.E. Mr. Jaime Gama, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal, H.E. Mr. H.A.F.M.O. van Mierlo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

Address by H.E. Mr. Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala

H.E. Mr. Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. José María Figueres Olsen, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

H.E. Mr. José María Figueres Olsen, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador

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Address by H.E. Mr. Carlos Roberto Reina Idiaquez, President of the Republic of Honduras

H.E. Mr. Carlos Roberto Reina Idiaquez, President of the Republic of Honduras, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Indonesia and Portugal.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1997

400th and 401st meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (CRC/C/8/Add.32).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at those meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, opened for signature at New York on 7 March 1966

Accession: Saudi Arabia (23 September 1997)*

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1984

Accession: Saudi Arabia (23 September 1997)*

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Mexico (22 September 1997)*

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, adopted by the International Coffee Council on 30 March 1994

Ratification: Ghana (18 September 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Accession: Kyrgyzstan (19 September 1997)*

Ratification: Zimbabwe (23 September 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Film

The Bureau for Programme and Policy Support of the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a presentation and discussion of the film "Amazon Journal" by Producer and Director Geoffrey O'Connor, on Thursday, 25 September 1997, at 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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